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TO AMEMBASSY CARACAS IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAIR, VE

SUBJECT: CIVAIR - GOV CHARTER REFUSALS

REF: CARACAS 277

1. REQUEST EMBASSY APPROACH VENEZUELAN AUTHORITIES
ASAP AND ASK THEM TO RECONSIDER WORLD AIRWAYS' PACKAGE
OF SEVEN FLIGHTS WITH VIEW TO APPROVAL IN TIME FOR
WORLD TO OPERATE THEM. POINT OUT THAT BILATERAL DEALS
ONLY WITH SCHEDULED SERVICES AND GIVES DESIGNATED
AIRLINES NO PRIVILEGES WITH RESPECT TO NON-SCHEDULED
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SERVICES. USG CONSIDERS THAT ALL AIRLINES OF THE TWO
NATIONS CONCERNED SHOULD HAVE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO
COMPETE FOR CHARTER TRAFFIC.
2. EMBASSY SHOULD NOTE ALSO THAT CAB HAS GIVEN VIASA
BLANKET AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT OFF-ROUTE, AS WELL AS
ON-ROUTE, CHARTERS BETWEEN VENEZUELA AND THE UNITED
STATES, WITHOUT ANY REQUIREMENT FOR APPLICATION IN

CONNECTION WITH INDIVIDUAL CHARTERS. THIS STEP WAS
TAKEN ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT U.S. AIRLINES, WITHOUT
DISTINCTION, WOULD BE ABLE TO COMPETE FREELY FOR CHARTERS
BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. IF THAT IS NOT THE
CASE, BOARD MAY RECONSIDER SOME ASPECTS OF THE CHARTER
AUTHORITY PRESENTLY GIVEN VIASA.

3. FYI. IN MESSAGE OF JAN. 12 TO GOV, WORLD ASKED
PERMISSION FOR PANAM TO OPERATE JAN. 16 ROUNDTRIP
FLIGHT ON WORLD'S BEHALF. FOR LOGISTICAL REASONS WORLD
WILL WANT PANAM TO OPERATE THAT FLIGHT EVEN IF GOV
PERMISSION FOR WORLD OPERATION IS FORTHCOMING. END
FYI. SUGGEST YOU ALSO INQUIRE ABOUT STATUS OF THIS
REQUEST.

4. DEPT AND CAB ARE PUZZLED AT THIS REFUSAL AFTER MANY
MONTHS OF GOV ACQUIESCENCE IN CHARTER REQUESTS. ANY
INSIGHTS EMBASSY MAY HAVE WOULD BE APPRECIATED. HAS
GOV HAD RECENT DISCUSSIONS ON CHARTER POLICY WITH OTHER
LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES?
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